

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 5 of page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The final packages 15 are manufactured and/or treated at station 6 so that they are effectively sterile and are maintained within an environment that keeps them, and the formed parts, sterile. The final packages are transported, 13, to a position to allow transfer of the formed parts into the final packages. The final packages holding the formed parts are transported within the sterile environment to a dosing station, 7, where aseptic or sterile packaging/hydration solution is added - controlled to be at a temperature below the temperature at which the polymer becomes water-soluble. The final packages, solution and formed parts are then sealed at station, 8, also within the sterile area, with a sterile foil before leaving the process area for final labelling.